



NEWS IS GETTING AROUND THE PACIFIC

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Hawaii State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
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DIGITAL MACHINE INFORMATION MEETINGS HELD

Michael Katzmann, Chief of the Materials Development Division of the National Library Services for the Blind & Physically Handicapped Library of Congress (NLS), was the guest speaker at three informational meetings. Two meetings were held at LBPH and one at the Kailua-Kona Public Library.

Mr. Katzmann's explanation of how the new digital machine will work created great interest and anticipation. Participants were able to try out a machine.

The digital machines are smaller and lighter than the current cassette machines. A cartridge, slightly smaller than a cassette, is used. It requires no rewinding and most books will fit on one cartridge.

The digital machines will be available at the beginning of next year.

David Whittall, NLS Consultant to the Western Region, assisted in the Oahu meetings. Thanks go to the Hui O Na Makamaka for hosting the coffee hour at the Oahu evening meeting.

GET QUESTIONS ANSWERED ONLINE

By Susan Nakata

Ask a Librarian Email Reference Service, or eRef, is now available to patrons of the Hawaii State Public Library System. Questions from out of state are also welcome. eRef enables you to contact library staff online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can expect a response within 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.

eRef is designed to answer brief, factual questions, or to provide suggestions to help you find answers to your questions. For detailed questions requiring significant research and assistance, please call the Telephone Reference Section at the Hawai'i State Library at 808-586-3617 during business hours, or visit your local public library.

Log on to the HSPLS website, www.librarieshawaii.org and locate the "Ask A Librarian" tab. Select "eReference" from the menu options and follow the simple instructions.

--from Holo I Mua, April 2008

ADULT READERS! SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR YOU!

For the first time this year, a Summer Reading Program will be held for adults! It starts on June 8 and runs through July 12. An incentive will be given once a week when you call in to report how many books you read that week. At the end of the program, the person who read the most books will receive a GRAND prize. More details will be sent out soon. Call to register and read! Don't forget to call in!

You can't have everything ... where would you put it?

--Steven Wright

NEW STAFF FOR LBPH

If you hear a new voice on the phone, it's either Joanne or Sharon.

Joanne Higa Cole started in the Public Services Section of LBPH in January. She previously worked at the circulation desk at the Waikiki-Kapahulu Public Library. Joanne has worked abroad and in a variety of other positions before joining the Hawaii State Public Library System so she brings with her a wide range of work and public service experiences.

Sharon Fong began in the Transcribing Services Section of LBPH in April. Sharon brings with her many years of library experience, an energetic attitude and new ideas to compliment our services.

We are fortunate to have Joanne and Sharon on our staff. Please join us in welcoming them.

FAMILY CONNECT

www.FamilyConnect.org is a website for parents of children with visual impairments. Created by the American Foundation for the Blind & the National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments, this site gives support, shares stories and concerns, and offers resources. There are helpful links to research, blogs and other information. Check it out!

Is it better to be single or to be married?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

--Anita, age 9

OUT-OF-SIGHT MUSIC BASH!

On Saturday, August 16, from 10 am – 2 pm, a music bash will be held at the Waianae Public Library parking lot, starring Chris Cerna, Guywood Dela Cruz, Gensen Rabacal and the Joe Wilcox trio! There will be games for children and other activities inside the library. There will be demonstrations of the JAWS and Zoomtext on the accessible computers and information about LBPH will also be available! If you are in the area, come enjoy the music, refreshments, and join in the fun. Activity sponsored by the Hui O Na Makamaka (Friends of LBPH).

NEWS IS GETTING AROUND THE PACIFIC is available in the following formats:

LARGE TYPE

BRAILLE

AUDIO (4-track, 15/16 IPS inches-per-second cassette)

EMAIL (must have a valid Email address)

INTERNET at:

<http://librarieshawaii.org/locations/oahu/lbph.htm>

MOVING: Please be sure to let us know your new address by calling:

Oahu: 733-8444 or

Toll-free from the neighbor islands: 1-800-559-4096.

WEBSITES FOR FAMILY READING TIME

One of the best things you can do with your young children is to read to them. Even if your child is not blind or visually impaired, you will find that reading creates quality time that can never be replaced by video games or TV programs. Here's some websites that provide story books that you, and your child, will enjoy.

Free Books for Kids

<http://www.talewins.com/Browzer/kids.htm>

This is a great site where parents can read books to their children. Classics such as Tom Sawyer and Treasure Island can be found at this screen reader friendly site.

Mighty Books

http://www.mightybook.com/story_books.html

This site has interactive, animated short stories for children to listen and read along with Flash. Parent and child will both enjoy exploring this fun site, not all areas will be compatible with screen readers.

Children's Story Books Online

<http://www.magickeys.com/books/>

This screen reader friendly site has interactive short stories for children of all ages. These stories are not the classics, but they are still fun reads.

ByGosh

<http://www.bygosh.com/>

This site contains illustrated short stories aimed more at the preschooler. This site has classic stories such as The Little Red Hen, Jack and the Beanstalk, and The Hare and the Tortoise. The site is screen reader friendly, but may be frustrating for younger users.

NOTE: The above information was found on the Fred's Head Database (blog) sponsored by the American Printing House for the Blind, Inc. and Posted by Michael McCarty.

NFB Newsline®

The following are available on the NFB Newsline® free service. If you are not subscribed, you can obtain an application and register for this service by calling the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at: 733-8444 or from the neighbor island: 1-800-559-4096.

NATIONAL PAPERS

Associated Press
Christian Science Monitor
Roll Call
UPI
USA Today
Wall Street Journal

MAGAZINES

AARP Bulletin
AARP The Magazine
AARP Segunda Juventud
Diabetes Self-Management
Economist
New Yorker
Poets & Writers

For information about the National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii, call: 595-6123 or Toll-free: 1-866-595-6123.

HOLIDAYS WHEN THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED

Independence Day: July 4 (Fri)
Statehood Day: August 15 (Fri)
Labor Day: September 1 (Mon)

**2008 Children's Summer Reading Program
Hawaii State Public Library System**

CATCH THE READING BUG!

Christopher Columbug, Inspector Hopper and his partner McBugg, and sleuth Spider Kane are all here at the library ... waiting to tell you their adventures!

**Read a book and get a PRIZE every week.
From June 8 to July 12**

Register and attend programs at a public library near you or @ the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

If interested, contact LBPH for a booklist for reading suggestions.

Tell us what you've read!
Call Lorna or Sue at 733-8444
Neighbor Islands: 1-800-559-4096

iREAD

Innovation, Invention and Ingenuity

**2008 Teen Summer Reading Program
June 8 to July 12**

Weekly prizes!

Drawings for the shopping spree!

Contact LBPH for a booklist for reading suggestions.

Whenever you read a book, visit your neighborhood library and get a prize!

or

Call us & tell us what you've read!

Call Lorna or Sue at 733-8444

Neighbor Islands: 1-800-559-4096

2008 Young Adult Summer Reading Program
Hawaii State Public Library System

NEW BRAILLE

- HIB 00380 TOUCH THE SUN: A NASA BRAILLE BOOK by: Noreen Grice. Adult Non-Fiction, Twin Vision
- HIB 00381 TOUCH THE UNIVERSE: A NASA BRAILLE BOOK OF ASTRONOMY by: Noreen Grice. Adult Non-Fiction, Twin Vision
- HIB 00382 OFFICE XP KEYBOARD COMMANDS: WORD, EXCEL, OUTLOOK AND POWERPOINT WITH JAWS AND WINDOW-EYES by: Anna Dresner
- HIB 00383 FINDING EBOOKS ON THE INTERNET, 2ND EDITION by: Anna Dresner
- HIB 00384 BLOG ON!: READING AND WRITING BLOGS WITH A SCREEN READER by: Anna Dresner
- HIB 00385 BRAILLE.COM AND BEYOND: HOW TO GET AROUND A WEBSITE by: Anna Dresner
- HIB 00386 GOOGLE IT!: A GUIDE TO THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR SEARCH by Jonathan Mosen with Anna Dresner
- HIB 00387 MY FIRST BAG OF TRICKS! by: Anna Dresner. Juvenile Non-Fiction, Twin Vision

NEW DESCRIPTIVE VIDEOS

- DVT 00406 EIGHT BELOW
- DVT 00407 THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
- DVT 00408 CHICKEN LITTLE